GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether students of agricultural education and agricultural science are being discriminated;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether agricultural education has not been accorded the status of technical education;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to do away with this discrimination; and

(f) the funds provided to each State for the agriculture education during each of the last three years particularly in Maharashtra?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) & (d): The Agricultural education has been taken as technical education all through by ICAR.In view of this, the duration of B.Sc.(Ag.) programme has been made four-year and technological courses incorporated in the syllabus.Though Agriculture degree has not been given the status of technical education by All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE), yet, B.Tech., in Agricultural Engineering, Dairy Technology and Food Science Technology have been given technical status by AICTE.

(e) ICAR has established the Accreditation Board to consider the issue.

(f) As given in Annexure.

ANNEXURE

The following amount released during last 3 years in respect of the Scheme `Development & Strengthening of State Agricultural Universities`

(Rupees in Lakhs)

S.No.	Name of the State	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
1.	Assam	100.00	100.00	-
2.	Andhra Pradesh	90.00	90.00	69.48
3.	Bihar	182.00	153.33	82.54
4.	West Bengal	215.00	189.25	80.00
5.	Uttar Pradesh	268.00	286.61	144.98
6.	Gujarat	100.00	94.50	59.80

7	Haryana	96.00	95.00	51.00
8.	Himachal Pradesh	172.00	145.00	73.58
9.	Madhya Pradesh	250.00	150.00	68.00
10.	Kerala	95.00	60.00	55.00
11.	Maharashtra	321.00	305.00	193.18
12.	Orissa	100.00	170.00	55.00
13.	Punjab	100.00	96.00	60.00
14.	Rajasthan	140.00	190.00	128.00
15.	Jammu & Kashmir	110.00	425.00	56.20
16.	Tamil Nadu	150.00	120.00	80.00
17.	Karnataka	204.17	159.34	130.37